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January 20, 1993

Honorable Christopher (Kit) Bond
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Senator:

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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Cordially,

Stanton King

our
Stanton King is ~~my~~ son, who is quadriplegic, as a result of a diving accident almost ten years ago. Even though he cannot feel his fingers, he can use the remote control to fly the model planes by someone placing a rubber band around his fingers to hold them around the "joy" stick. In September of '91, he was invited to go to Sicily, Italy to fly a plane, which he had had built and took with him. For 3 days he participated in an exhibition of model aircraft flying. He was the only handicapped person from the United States to be invited and he was the only quadriplegic who attended. People from all over the world participated.

This hobby is very important to Stan and therefore important to our family and everyone who knows Stan and knows of him. He has been invited back to Sicily this June but things are not confirmed as of this date.

Please support the R/C hobby and don't let anyone mess with the airwayx that could ruin it.

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Cordially,

Ralph Waser

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Waser
10032 Shapfield Ln.
St. Louis, MO 63123

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J. S. House of Representatives
Washington D. C. 20510

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February 1, 1993

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Dear Senator Bond:

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I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active with a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled airplanes. Members of the local model airplane club offer countless hours of free instruction and building tips to assist new pilots. The club also puts on one heck of a model airplane show each summer at a commercial airport, participates in Memorial Day festivities at our local airport, visits grade schools for demonstrations, travels around the state participating in other clubs events and lots, lots more.

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When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of radio control frequencies. If the number of frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety greatly increased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have a wingspan of up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30-40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We need use of our full compliment of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of ~~land mobile radio~~ users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and our radio equipment. I currently operate 2 radios with an average cost of \$250.00 or more. The hobby provides many hours of

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Bob LaScala
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February 3, 1993

The Honorable Christopher S. Bond
293 Russell Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-2503

Dear Senator Bond:

I have recently revived my interest in constructing and operating radio-controlled model airplanes. I was very involved in this activity as a youngster and now that I am nearing retirement, I felt that this would be a past-time that could derive many hours of enjoyment. I have built one airplane and purchased radios and other products necessary to operating models.

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When we operate our R/C models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number

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I don't think it is wise of the FCC to seek to expand the operation conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of the radio-control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. It is a sizeable industry that must be saved from these detrimental FCC actions. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72-76 MHz band. We all need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it may become more difficult to avoid halting these proposals from going into effect.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob LaScala".

Bob LaScala

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Sincerely,

Bob Smith

Bob Smith
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Dear Mr. Bond

I am a beginning student in building and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I am active in our club and the wife of the president of our club,

Radio controlled modeling is a sport that can be enjoyed by the entire family. We wish to introduce our grandson to the sport within the next few months, upon his seventh (7) birthday.

I have one (1) model that I have ready to fly at this time, it is designed to take aerial photographs with a 35 mm camera. The radio for this model is approximately 250.00, and since the proposed new frequencies are so close, interference will occur, and render my model unusable.

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Sincerely,

Rita Wunderlich

Wunderlich
1916 Rockridge
Jefferson City, Mo.
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Senator Christopher S. Bond
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Dear Senator Bond:

RE; FCC Docket 92-235

I have held an Amateur Radio operator's license for more than 40 years and presently hold Extra Class license WØRV. I also hold a lifetime General Class commercial license and held a commercial Radiotelephone First Class license for 30 years. I have had long experience in the two way radio and commercial broadcasting fields and was Chief Engineer at radio stations WIL and WIL-FM in St. Louis for more that 25 years.

I am now retired and am very active in building and flying radio controlled model aircraft. I am a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics and am Vice President of the Signal Chasers Radio Control Club Inc. in St. Louis County, which has a membership of more than 40 radio control aircraft modelers.

I have been notified that the FCC proposes a change in (Part 88) frequency allocations that will have a profound effect on the model frequencies that we use in the 72 MHz. band (Part 95). The proposed restructuring would insert two new frequencies between each of those presently assigned for model aircraft and commercial use. This would allow transmitters with four times the power output of our units to operate only 2.5 KHz. from a large number of our 72 and 75 MHz. channels.

These frequencies would be designated as "mobile", and we would never know where and when they might be operating. In addition, the technical specifications for the new equipment would allow a legal frequency tolerance that could place their signals directly on top of ours!

I, along with many other retiree's, usually fly my aircraft at St. Louis County's Buder Park near the junction of Interstate Highway 44 and Missouri Highway 141. This area could be especially susceptible to interference from such new equipment and the loss of control of our aircraft could easily cause a serious accident and/or irreparable damage to our aircraft and our airborne radio equipment.

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RE: FCC Docket 92-235

I and countless other St. Louis area R/C modelers are strongly opposed to this proposed rule change and hope that it will be reconsidered in the light of the extreme danger to property and life that it will cause.

I ask for your assistance in persuading the FCC to drop this proposed change. Time is of the essence as formal comments must be filed with the FCC prior to February 26, 1993.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Melvon G. Hart', with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Melvon G. Hart, WØRV

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Des Peres, MO 63131-2001

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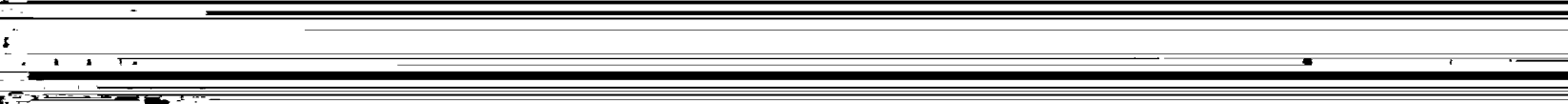


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Washington, D.C., 20510

Re: FCC PR Docket 92-235

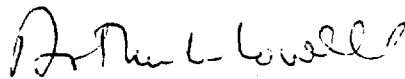
Dear Senator Bond:

Please use your good offices to cause the FCC to reexamine the proposed radio frequency reallocation referenced above, which I am told would take away more than two-thirds of the narrow band frequencies presently available to my hobby of radio-controlled model aircraft building and flying.

I am a retired aerospace engineer who derives a great deal of stimulation and enjoyment from this activity, which I share with eighty others in a club. Our members range from boys and girls in their early teens to retired persons like me. In addition to practice flights and competitions, we engage in ~~carriers to the community through church and summer school~~

I do not propose to resist progress in the form of wireless communication, but suggest that reassigning two-thirds of a present small allocation of bandwidth from this hobby is an excessive step. FCC should be able to come up with a less drastic allocation, one that would be fair to all parties.

Sincerely,


Arthur L. Lowell

The Honorable Kit Bond
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Florissant, Mo 6303,
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Sir:

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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I have been notified, by my A.M.A. insurance
Carrier, that on February 26, 1993 a vote
will be taken on NPRM-PR Docket 92-235. This
vote will greatly effect me, and the lives of my friends.
I am a remote control pilot, R/c for short, and have been
one for 25 years. Working under my father I have learned
many valuable techniques in building & operating R/c model
planes. I am an active competitor in local combat events.

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Dear Senator,

I am very active in the flying of remote control model aircraft. For the past several years I have participated in this sport as therapy for a stress condition that I have. I also belong to several local and national clubs that support this activity.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for remote control (R\C) use.

Our R\C frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, the R\C frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either user interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile (Cellular) frequencies by splitting them into narrower band widths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will be placed between and closer to the R\C frequencies and cause interference to R\C operations. More specifically this new FCC plan will render all but 19 of the present 50 R\C frequencies useless.

Please understand that many model aircraft have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 to 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive and, generally, operated by competent trained pilots. These pilots devote a great deal of time to protecting their investment by stringent safety ethics and careful coordination of the radio frequencies.

We often fly our aircraft at organized events and contests where hundreds of spectators are present. Please visualize, if you would, a remote control aircraft being piloted in front of several hundred spectators when someone in their car within a mile or two of the aircraft places a call from their cellular phone. The signal from this cellular phone overrides the frequency that controls the aircraft being flown. Needless to say the crash of the aircraft could result in some very serious consequences.

In the early eighties the FCC expanded the number of frequencies available to the R\C flier. In doing so they phased out some of the frequencies that were in use at that time and phased in some additional frequencies which are the 50 frequencies that we use today. This phase in plan was complete in January of 1991. The use of these new frequencies required that the R\C industry develop new high tech narrow band radio equipment that could operate without inter frequency conflict. This also meant that the R\C community had to discard any radio equipment made before the early eighties and purchase the new narrow band radios. Now, 12 months later the FCC is proposing a plan that will make the millions of dollars invested in the ~~new radio technology and the untold dollars spent by modelers~~

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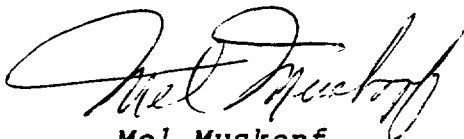
Dear Senator Bond,

As Secretary of a 120 member R/C club in the St. Louis area and a member of another, I strongly object to the proposed rule, NPRM-PR Docket 92-235.

Our club, as well as others, Provides necessary recreation for many retired persons and also those with physical handicaps. This sport also provides an opportunity for young people to better relate to their parents and elders.

R/C hobbyists have spent considerable time, effort and expece in order to find radio equipment which is not affected by other radio transmissions. Please do not change regulations which would have a disasterous effect on this huge activity.

Respectfully,



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TO: The Honorable Christopher S. Bond
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Dear Senator Bond

SUBJECT: Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Notice of Proposed

The R/C industry is large and varied, there are many companies in the U.S. who produce and sell equipment and parts for this sport. Ace R/C in Higginsville, Mo. is a prime example. Much of this industry could be out of business if R/C modeling is diminished by these changes. Plus, from a personal standpoint, I have a substantial investment in equipment which I would not be able to use if I could not fly R/C safely.

I hope you will consider the educational value of a sport such as R/C. I started with model aircraft as a youngster, and it has led to a career in aviation. The skills I learned building models started me toward obtaining an Aircraft Mechanics license, I am now an Aviation Safety Inspector for the Federal Aviation Administration. Many of the people that I know in the hobby are in commercial or military aviation. The list of our astronauts contains some model builders also. A sport such as this teaches skills and disciplines which can have a lasting impact on a person throughout their life. Please go out to a flying field and see for yourself that this is not a bunch of idiots playing with toy airplanes, but a group of responsible adults (and kids) doing something that gives a lot of personal pleasure. Just be careful, you might get hooked also!

I apologize for the length of this letter, but this subject is so important to me that I do not feel I could express my concerns in a shorter document.

Please help this wonderful hobby continue by not allowing the FCC to carry out the proposed changes in the 72-75 MHZ band.

Sincerely,

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Dear Senator Bond:

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember.
I am very active in local club whose members enjoy constructing and